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Ms. Karen Patterson, Chair
Savannah River Site Citizens Advisory Board
1103 Conger Drive
Aiken, South Carolina 29803

RE: Savannah River Site Citizens Advisory Board
Recommendation 237

Dear Ms. Patterson:

Thank you for the Savannah River Site (SRS) Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Recommendation 237 in reference to High Level Waste risk reduction efforts. Attached please find the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC) response to this recommendation. SCDHEC has been and continues to be active in discussions with Department of Energy on resolution of commitment to salt waste processing plans.

If you have any questions, please contact Shelly Sherritt at (803) 896-8955.

Sincerely,

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Deputy Commissioner
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cc: Rick Caldwell, Edisto Savannah EQC District
Dawn Haygood, SRS

**South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control Response
Savannah River Site Citizens Advisory Board
Recommendation 237
High Level Waste Risk Reduction Efforts**

The Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) recommendation is shown in bold, followed by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) response.

1. **DOE and SCDHEC work to resolve the existing stalemate so that the draft permits for DDA can be issued by August 15, 2006, with the final issuance date of October 15, 2006.**

The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC) objectives in High Level Waste (HLW) risk reduction are safe removal and treatment of the HLW from the tanks, tank closure in accordance with the Federal Facility Agreement (FFA) schedule and minimization of residuals remaining in South Carolina. In order for these objectives to be met, the Department of Energy (DOE) must implement the near and long term elements of the salt waste disposition plans on schedule, most significantly the construction and operation of the Salt Waste Processing Facility (SWPF). Disposal of the Deliquification, Dissolution and Adjustment (DDA) waste stream in the near term without commitment from DOE on the longer term treatment will not meet the objectives. SCDHEC has been working with DOE to establish commitment on the near and long term elements of the salt waste disposition plans since December of 2005. As of August 15, 2006 DOE had not provided the commitment information necessary to move forward with a draft permit for public review. SCDHEC continues to discuss with DOE terms of commitment for implementation of the overall salt waste strategy.